

**Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi's Statement
on the California Supreme Court's Ruling on Proposition 8**

SACRAMENTO – Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi issued the following statement after the California Supreme Court today upheld Proposition 8:

“Today we lost an important battle, but on this disappointing day, it’s worth remembering that the final outcome of this struggle has already been determined. Time is on our side, and Californians will one day soon repeal Proposition 8. Patti and I have been married for 43 years, and we stand shoulder-to-shoulder with the LGBT community and their allies as they work to convince the electorate that all Californians, regardless of sexual orientation, deserve access to marriage and equality. While we will always face roadblocks, our society journeys down a path of increased equality under the law.”